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the Readers' response

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter with a little feeling of sorrow in my heart, because today I bid farewell to all the dear friends I have made in the Church of God here in the United States. Of course I am happy at the thought of going back to my family and home, but I leave behind a group of people whom I have learned to respect and love.

On July 27 at 1:00 in the morning I arrived here, a stranger to this country and only knowing a few of the brethren who had been to South Africa. I was greeted at the airport by Brother M. W. Sindie and at once was made to feel welcome and at home. And so it has been wherever I visited, so much so that today I feel as one of you and my heart is sore at the thought of leaving. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the brethren who have treated me so well, and have gone out of the way to make me feel happy. From the highest officials in the Church to the lowest members, all have helped to make my visit a very pleasant one. The sisters in their homes have always made me feel as one of the family and tried everything to make me feel comfortable. I can assure you that for many years I shall with great pleasure remember my brief tour through the Church. I have learned things which I shall be able to use in my ministry, and it is my sincere prayer that I was able to do and say something that would be a blessing to someone. I have done what I could to give as much information as possible about the church in South Africa and the mission work carried on under its supervision. I hope this information can be used for stimulating interest in missions.

I have found everybody at Headquarters very willing and helpful, handling my mail and doing everything to assist me. To all, my heartfelt thanks. This afternoon at 5:30 my plane leaves for England, and from there—home. And so closes for me a time of blessing and pleasant fellowship in this lovely country of yours and the Church of God with whom I am proud to be associated.

Special thanks to Brother and Sister Sindie, the first I met here

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Coming Next Week
THANKSGIVING ISSUE

and the last to see me off after keeping me for some days in their home.

—H. R. CARTER, Moderator
Full Gospel Church of God
Johannesburg Transvaal
South Africa

Liked "Home" Issue

To the Editor:

We greatly enjoy the Evangel. I am glad that each issue has a special subject and dwells thereon. The issue of October 22, "Church of God Home for Children," is especially good. More people can get an insight of the home. The beautiful picture of the little girl on the front cover page gives a good impression of the home.

MRS. ETHEL BRUMLEY
Whitwell, Tenn.

More About B.T.S. Picture

To the Editor:

In response to the October 22 issue of the Evangel in the Readers' Response to identify the lady in question—the picture printed is only half of the original picture. The names of the three boys are Oscar Hamilton, Charlie Prince, C. T. Morgan. The women are Jessie Penny, Mrs. Nora Chambers.

JOHN E. TRESSLER
Friedens, Pa.

Soul Fed By Evangel Sermons

To the Editor:

Your October 15 Evangel is what I have been waiting for. To me this issue fits the requirement of feeding the lambs and sheep. Development of the Church of God numerically and in property value is interesting and the Evangelists dedicated to expounding these accomplishments are well-received judging from the letters in your columns, but to us who need the Word expounded and presented to us, this issue is more to our need.

ETHELDRED H. HOLT
Salisbury, N. C.

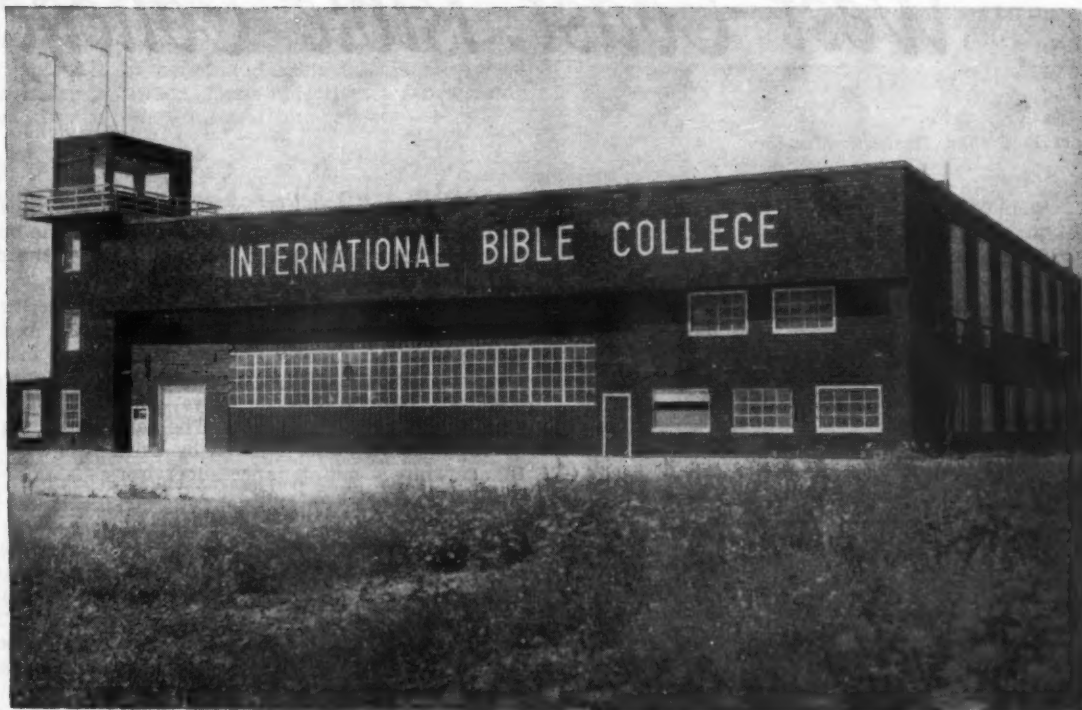
Appreciates Evangel Each Week

To the Editor:

The Evangel has been a weekly visitor in our home for more than thirty years. Since you plan every issue it is a thrill. We appreciate you as an editor. Our prayer is that you feed many hungry souls through the Evangel, and that God will continue to bless you. When we give out the Evangel we feel that we are giving God's Word.

MRS. T. L. LITTLE
Washington, N. C.

INTERNATIONAL



Bible College

By William H. Pratt, Overseer, Western Canada

CANADA HAS A CHURCH OF GOD institution—the International Bible College. The 1956-57 term marks the beginning of its twenty-first year. Our enrollment this term numbers thirty-five students with more expected the second semester. We were privileged to have Brother Zeno C. Tharp, Jr., as our guest speaker for the opening exercises.

As the overseer of Western Canada, I could say many things about our aims, objectives, and history; however, I prefer to call on men who are more able than I.

Brother Darrell Lindsay, who will write on our aims and objectives, serves the school as president. He is well-qualified for the job. He is, in my opinion, one of the best Bible scholars in the Church of God; his heart and soul seems to be in Biblical education.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

EVEN IN CHRISTIAN circles there are so many who question the necessity of church-related

schools. Have you ever wondered why the Church of God has taken such definite steps of leadership in the field of education? Have you ever carried the question in your mind, why should the church carry such a financial burden? Possibly you have not, but I am sure that there are those that have had such questions in mind.

There are opposing forces in education. Present day secular education philosophy probably centers around the ideas of John Dewey, who wrote *Democracy and Education*. In the entire book he refers to religion only once and in it states that science and religion are in conflict. *Think of the following claim* also made: "We affirm that genuine values and tenable ends and ideals are to be derived from what is found within the movement of experience. Hence, we deny that they can be derived from authority, human or supernatural or from any transcendent source." In other words, supernatural influ-

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What Is

West Coast Bible College?

By Robert E. Fisher, Business Manager

JUST WHAT IS West Coast Bible College? This question has no doubt entered the mind of many constituents of the Church of God. There is an adage which says, "Seeing is believing." You must see the students as they study, as they sing, and as they play. There is no set of cold statistics with which the college can be explained. It is a living, moving organization which can be adequately perceived only through the eye.

Its Students

The students of West Coast Bible College this year number seventy-five and come from Arizona, Oregon, Washington, North Dakota, and throughout California. They run in age from thirteen to thirty-five. Twelve of this number are enrolled in the new college department. The remainder are high school students. Some forty students are housed in the two dormitories. About twenty-five are city students. There are a few out-of-town students living in private homes.

Its Administration and Faculty

The school's policies and financial matters are under the administration of the overseer of California, Brother Ralph Williams, and the five-man school board composed of J. D. Nichols, I. L. Bengé, C. M. Hughes, Lemuell Johnson, and the chairman, G. C. Grove. This board meets regularly twice a year and at any other time that necessity demands.



Boys' Dormitory

The everyday activities of the college are supervised by the high school principal, Paul L. Walker; the business manager, Robert E. Fisher; and the dean of the college division, John Kimbrough.

Other faculty members include Thomas Griffith, Jr. high school instructor; Myrle Horton, librarian and study hall supervisor; Gettys Phillips, commercial instructor and girls' dormitory supervisor; Julia Holmes, secretary-registrar; George New, Jr., boys' dormitory supervisor; and Mary Fisher, bookkeeper. The cafeteria is managed by Anna Fisher, who is aided by Onell Ridgway. Clyde Blankenship is maintenance supervisor.

Its Facilities

West Coast Bible College was started by faith only seven years ago. The facilities then were very poor. As God blessed and the school grew, more buildings were added and new equipment was acquired. Today, although still on a nonpermanent basis, the school has a boys' dormitory, girls' dormitory, cafeteria building, and a spacious church building used for chapel, classrooms, and offices. All the buildings are furnished with modern equipment. The classrooms have all new chair-type desks, modern green tone chalkboards, and appropriate charts and maps. The dormitories have been furnished with many new items including dressers, beds, and divans. A new institutional type range, multiple toaster, steam table, and large refrigerator were recently installed in the cafeteria. The college has a growing library which contains over 1000 volumes of good reading. It subscribes to numerous periodicals and three regional newspapers. Biology and chemistry departments are on their way to becoming very well-equipped.

Its Advantages

Young people from throughout the West are beginning to investigate West Coast Bible College. They like what they find, and consequently they enroll. The enrollment has been growing every year and this term has reached another record. This record enrollment reflects the advantages offered by W.C.B.C. The fact that this is the only Church of God institution west of the Rocky Mountains, the fact that the administration is young and progressive, the fact that the faculty is composed of educated, Spirit-filled instructors, the fact that classes are small and special instruction possible, the fact that Fresno has some of the most ideal weather in the nation, and finally the fact that West Coast Bible College is the youngest, fastest growing school in the movement; all these advantages add up to one thing—a great school.

Its Objectives:

This western college was not begun simply to have a school on the West Coast. Definite objectives were in the minds of the men who had a vision of W.C.B.C. long before its inception. There were many young ministers in this territory who direly needed schooling but would never be able to attend a school hundreds of miles away. There were many young people growing up in our churches who in high school were lost to the church. They needed to be saved and their talents channeled into the Church of God. These objectives are now being realized through the efforts of our college.

West Coast Bible College Enlarges Its Borders

By Glenn C. Grove, Chairman of School Board

WE ARE PROUD TODAY of the Church of God and its institutions of learning. We are particularly proud of West Coast Bible College, the educational arm of the Church of God in the West. It is a Church of God institution providing our young men and women with Christian education and bringing within their reach the weapons of spiritual warfare to combat the common enemy of our souls. W.C.B.C. is today attempting to fulfill the need of a vast number of Christian workers here on the West Coast, and has become another important link in our educational system.

We are living today in an educated world. Business and industry today demand varying degrees of education. We must prepare our youth today to meet the challenge of an educated world by providing them with schools and colleges which give attention to the spiritual needs of the students, equipping them to face life as Christian workers, enabling them to stand steadfast for Christ and to win souls for the kingdom of God.

Today God is calling countless numbers of young men and women into the ministry of the Church of God. Here at W.C.B.C. it shall ever be our aim to offer to this ministerial group a practical course of study which will thoroughly prepare them for the ministry in the Church of God.

Ten years ago the only recognized Church of God educational institution west of the Mississippi River was at Spokane, Washington. At that point California was classed as a mission state; yet this could not dampen the spirits of those whose vision was to inaugurate and maintain a Bible school in California.

In the year 1947, the Reverend H. L. Chesser, the Assistant General Overseer, the Reverend Lemuell Johnson, then Overseer of Washington and Oregon, and the Reverend Howard Statum, then Overseer of Idaho and Nevada, met with the Reverend J. H. Hughes, then Overseer of California, and the ministry of the State, at the prayer conference at Salinas, California. At this meeting the possibilities of a school were discussed, and the following year at the prayer conference in Tulare, California, definite plans were formulated.

In February of 1949, the school officially opened its doors for twelve students at Pasadena, California. The

name West Coast Bible School was adopted. The school remained in Pasadena until August 1950, at which time it was moved to its present location in Fresno, California.

In the ensuing period the school has made deep and lasting impressions on the ministry and laity on the West Coast. Our school has enjoyed a steady growth throughout its years of operation. During its stay in Pasadena the school used the facilities of the Pasadena

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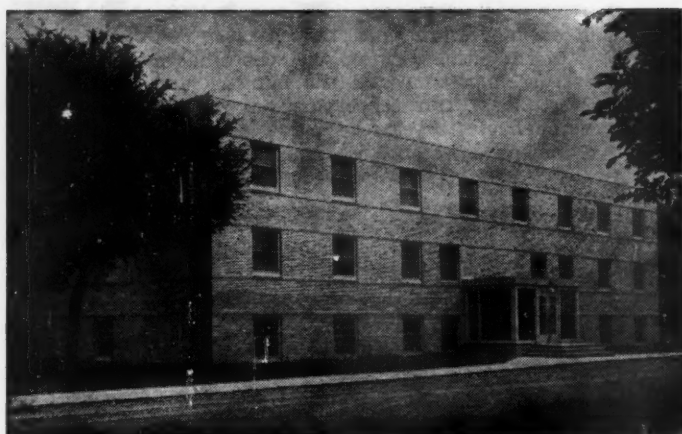
Boys' Dormitory Scene



Girls' Dormitory Scene

Life At Northwest Bible School

By L. O. Vaught, Professor



LIFE IS WORTH LIVING at Northwest Bible School, because living here is life at its best—for Christ and with Christians. No, it is not heaven. Everyone is still human and subject to those trials which beset humanity. But because we accept the challenge of life to make every test a victory and every disappointment a lesson well-learned, we find that heaven is ever in view.

In our classrooms there is ever the practical approach. We learn that planning without practicing is useless and profession without possession is vain. Learning comes by hard work. We pray before each class, but we never ask God to help us understand that which we are not willing to study. We ask in faith that our minds shall be quickened and our spirits made responsive, but always we strive to include in such requests the promise that we shall in return use every truth gained to enrich not only ourselves but somehow to influence those with whom we come in contact, until Christians are edified and lost men are found of the Lord.

Our aims are reasonable. We do not expect every student to attain great fame or to pastor the largest churches. We do believe, however, that it is within the reach of every student to live a life of faithfulness before the Lord so that he can proclaim, "Thus saith the Lord," with all authority. To this end we work, we pray, we hope.

Inspiration is not a stranger on our campus. Grace before meals and prayer before classes constantly remind us of God's presence. Faith is stimulated by our gathering at the chapel hour each morning. Whether it is a challenging message, an inspiring song, or a moving prayer, all bring new strength for the day. Often visiting ministers and missionaries bring from the fields fresh reports which inspire our hearts to diligently prepare ourselves that we may the more quickly join the reapers in the harvest fields of the world.

Opportunities for daily witnessing are many because a great majority of our students are employed off campus. In this way they not only support themselves while in school but are also able to carry on an active ministry among the people of the community in which they work. The record of personal work done by those connected with Northwest Bible School has been most outstanding.

A TYPICAL DAY at our school may be seen

by following two students whom we believe to be typical examples. One has traveled over a thousand miles to reach Northwest Bible School; the other comes from a town not far away. Both came because they felt this is the place God would have them be.

At six thirty every morning the bell rings to remind everyone that it is time to start a new day. The chances are great, however, that our example students have already been up for some time in private devotion and in preparation for the day. Breakfast is at seven, so haste is required to see that dishes are washed and everything is in order before the bell rings for the first class at seven forty-five. Lectures, assignments and examinations all combine to make a full morning. The afternoon is spent as a clerk or secretary in a local firm, or it may be spent as a service station attendant, but always it is the same—keeping busy.

Five thirty in the evening means another day's work is done. Is the student finished? Not quite. There is still studying to be done. Retirement is preceded by prayer. Tired? Perhaps. But it is the kind of tiredness that says, "Something accomplished, something done has earned a night's repose."

Keeping our rooms clean may not be so important as our devotions, but we find that both are necessary. Speech may not be so important as Bible as far as the individual is concerned, but we are eager for a student who knows what the Bible teaches to be able to tell someone else.

There are no courses on "How to receive large offerings" or "How to become an overseer in ten easy lessons." How to live comes first, and then how to make a living.

Does it pay to live at Northwest Bible School? If you mean in dollars and cents, it might be just as profitable in any other school in the world. But if you mean does it pay by giving a chance to know the Word of God . . . by enlarging our concepts and lifting our vision to realms outside ourselves . . . if you mean does it pay by giving direction to our Christian work . . . by encouraging us to add those graces that even death cannot separate from our souls . . . if this is the "pay" you are looking for, then I am certain you will find that it pays to live at Northwest Bible School.

Northwest Bible School's Contribution to the Church of God

By J. D. Glover

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT we should not over-evaluate ourselves. In considering the topic we have before us I feel very keenly my inadequacy to describe and weigh all the details about the past contribution and influence of the Northwest Bible School to the Church of God.

No doubt it will be best to start in the home area, for who knows us better than our own family? Northwest Bible School began as an outgrowth of a six-week Bible course taught in 1932 by Frank W. Lemons, then pastor of Lemmon, South Dakota, Church of God. Another course was taught in 1933. In 1934 Paul H. Walker made an appeal to the ministers' council for recognition and permanency of a school in the Dakotas. Down through the years Northwest Bible School has contributed many fine workers for the Church. At the present time there are twenty-two churches in North and South Dakota and of these eleven pastors are graduates of the school and five are former students. Thus a total of sixteen out of twenty-two pastors are directly connected with the school. One third of the church clerks, one fourth of the Y.P.E. leaders, several Sunday School superintendents, and a score of Sunday School teachers are former students of the school now working in the churches here in the Dakotas. The largest Church of God in Canada is now being pastored by a man who received his training at Northwest Bible School.

The great commission "Go ye into all the world" has been partially fulfilled by former students of the Northwest Bible School. Such persons as M. G. McLuhan, now in South Africa; James B. Reesor, in the Philippines; H. S. Syverson, retired missionary from San Salvador, and many others started their training at Northwest Bible School. Only eternity will reveal the widespread influence of the school.

Although Northwest Bible School has never had large numbers enrolled, it would be safe to say that the stabilizing effect of sound doctrine taught by the teachers and propagated by the students has produced many contenders for the faith. Many have gone on to Lee College, became outstanding students, and are now filling places of responsibility in the Church. Former students who became youth directors, evangelists, pastors, and several public schoolteachers are scattered throughout the United States and Canada. Beginning December 3, 1956, Northwest Bible School will offer Bible work on the junior college level. With the advancement of education we as Christians should never slacken our pace but press forward to higher heights and deeper depths. The demand for higher education has brought with it the need for higher academic training. The future looks brighter for Northwest Bible School as we try to meet the challenge of our day by adding the junior college Bible course. Academic standards should never be looked upon as being detrimental to spiritual progress, for in reality they should go hand in hand. The "fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Reviews of LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY

MR. WILLIAM R. CANNON, native Chattanooga who is now dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, has written a foreword to this definitive history of the Church of God in which he says, in part:

"I find this study a competent one. The author has employed the best methods and techniques of historical research. Whether we agree with the peculiar doctrine he embraces or not, we must admit that he deserves our respect as an authentic historian. Consequently, his work must take its place among the good denominational histories of our time."

Dean Cannon has probably given a fair appraisal of a long-needed history of the Church of God; and Conn, the author, writing from Cleveland, Tennessee, has indeed given a well-presented documental account of one of the more recent developments in Protestantism.

The Church of God began as the Christian Union in Monroe County, Tennessee, in 1886 with Richard G. Spurling, Jr., as pastor. Its growth is explained by the author in five major portions of the book. These parts are called "The Pentecostal Awakening, 1886-1905"; "The Pentecostal Frontier, 1905-1920"; "Trial by Disillusion, 1920-1923"; "The Deepening Years, 1923-1935"; and "The Flowering of Pentecost, 1936-1955."

The book, attractively printed and sturdily bound, is indexed in a thorough manner. It will serve as a ready reference for any member of the Church of God, and it presents, in clear terms, a doctrinal statement that will be of interest to many readers.—Kinchen Exum, Editorial Staff of *The Chattanooga News-Free Press*, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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THE HANDSOME BOOK, *Like a Mighty Army*, is a thorough and competent piece of research and an excellent job of historical writing. It is a real contribution to our understanding of the numerous religious bodies, such as the Church of God, which arose after 1880.—William Warren Sweet, Professor, Mills College. Author of *The Story of Religion in America, Revivalism in America*, and others.

GET ON THE HIGHER ROAD OF EFFECTIVE TEACHING — USE WORKERS' TRAINING COURSE NO. 2

Gene Wins at 100 to 1 Odds

Plays 3 Sports After A

NEW RICHMOND, OHIO, October 8.—Those who see Gene Rose romping and playing games with other boys here marvel at his victory.

Now six years after he faced 100-to-one odds that he would escape amputation of both feet, he plays football, baseball, basketball with the same swiftness of foot as other boys.

There are those who call his victory a "miracle."

Gene has a simple explanation.

"God helped me. He answered my prayers," he tells those who talk with him about his recovery.

He placed his fate in the hands of God as he lay on an operating table in a Cincinnati hospital six years ago after a mowing machine had almost severed both feet at the ankles.

When he reached the hospital he was near death from loss of blood. A heel cord, a vein and one nerve were

all that remained of his lower legs.

Doctors said his chances of saving his feet were 100-to-1.

As the frantic mother and doctors begged him to close his eyes. They feared he would die.

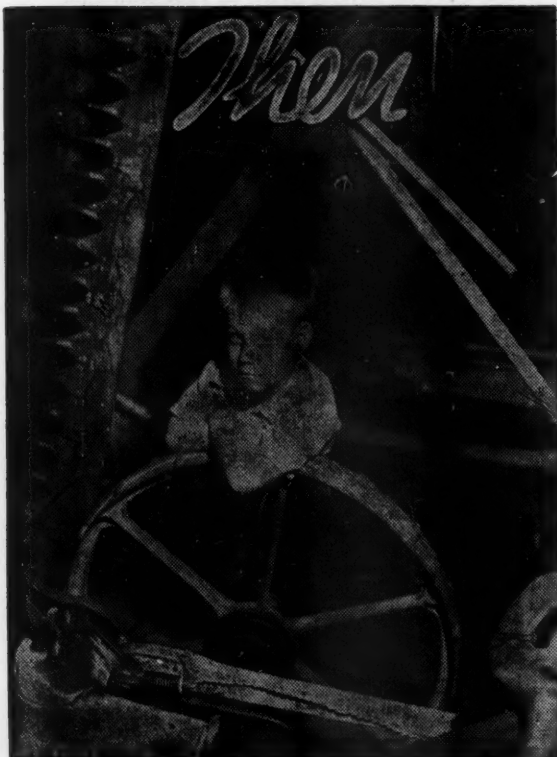
But he smiled and told his mother, *"Don't worry. I just prayed to God and He would live and my feet will be saved longer."*

His faith was strong—stronger than the doctors. They considered his chances hopeless.

But he began to recover. A year later he was taking a few halting steps.

"I'll walk like other boys," he told his mother confidently.

Today he is well—enjoying life like



THIS IS THE MACHINE—It was this mowing machine that severely cut the lad's legs. This picture was taken six years ago when Gene looked at the machine after his return from the hospital.



There's hardly a scar now where the machine blade almost amputated his feet years ago. Some thought he would never walk again, but he is now running and playing baseball game.

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He played as a guard on the New Richmond Pewee foot-
ball team. He played first base on the New Richmond
Class B., baseball team. He hopes to make the junior
high basketball team at New Richmond this fall.

"My feet don't hurt a bit," he says.

Six years ago he said:

*God helped me—I want to help Him by becoming a
preacher."*

He will celebrate his 14th birthday anniversary Nov. 2
and his ambition to "help God" has never faltered.

"Do you say a prayer of thanks each day," he was asked.

"Well, I mean to but I miss once in a while," he smiled
in answer.

His full name is Donald Eugene Rose. His father is
Elwood Rose who operates a grocery, barber shop and
trailer court in New Richmond.

The father is a preacher at the local Church of God.

—The Cincinnati Post



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HIS ANSWER—Gene points to a sign on the wall of his
home to answer questions about his miraculous re-
covery. The tow-headed youngster says he hopes to be-
come a preacher when he "grows up."

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE

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ence or the influence of God is ruled out entirely. Can a philosophy like that do less than lead a nation to moral collapse?

Secular education unrelated to the church and the Bible is saturated with rationalism, naturalism, and humanism. *God is left out.* Many modern educational theorists openly repudiate the Book whose doctrines are holy. How tragic that in the United States and Canada, countries that were founded by those who sought freedom not only to worship but also to train and teach according to the Word of God, should now have educators who stand directly opposed to these original sincere and wholesome objectives. The influence of Dewey, and Hegel, and William James before him, as well as the influence of others, has given us a philosophy of education that is a faith destroyer.

The Christian educator realizes that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Christ must be pre-eminent. *There should be a Bible basis for education.* There should be a dependence upon God for knowledge. In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Paul states this under inspiration of the Spirit in Colossians 2:3. He further states (verses 4-10), "And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, **AS YE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT**, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (The idea of *spoil* here actually means "to carry off as plunder.") For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."

We need to ask for old paths. There has been a great departure from the Bible influence in education that we once had. The training of a child starts in the home. The first teachers or instructors any child should have should be the parents. The parents ought to be Christians. The children should first learn of the faith in the home. The child's home training ought to be supplemented by his instructions in the Word in Sunday School and his worship in church.

The school in which the child receives his academic education ought to be Christian. It has been stated that in a community where religious instruction was lifted from the curriculum of the schools, crime among youth increased four hundred per cent.

Do you still ask why International Bible College and the other schools are sponsored by the Church? It has become no longer a question of can we afford to have such a school but can we afford not to have such a school.

We have as our aim and objective not only to maintain an institution where our youth can prepare for the ministry or other phases of Christian service but to offer an academic education where the student has the definite influence of the Bible and of Christian teachers. The maintenance of such objectives brought into existence the high school department at International Bible College a few years ago. This is probably the only high

school in Canada operated by a Pentecostal body.

The Bible school department was founded many years ago to provide a place of training for young men and women who realized the call of God upon their lives. It was founded as an avenue through which the Church of God would have workers to expand the work of the church in Canada. Testimony to the effectiveness of the school in reaching this goal is the fact that a good many of the pastors and workers in the Church of God in Canada are graduates of our Canadian school. Of course, its effectiveness has been much more widespread than just here in Canada. Many in the United States, as well as in other countries, received their training at I. B. C. Need the International Bible College confine its influence in education to only a Bible institute department and a high school department? Our aim is to see its scope of influence spread to other levels of learning. The influence of the church-related school is needed in education in Canada. It is our aim that the Church of God's International Bible College continue to develop and expand to help to meet this need.

The school must remain, uncompromisingly, an institution of learning, where faith in God's Word is foremost. We must keep our Pentecostal heritage. We must be a school where faculty and student body believe that true science and the Bible are compatible. These are our objectives. They are not only worthy but are absolutely essential objectives in this day in which we live. Our motto must ever remain "TRUE TO THE WORD."

For a history of the International Bible College I have called on Brother Chester Roset. Since he is one of the school's first graduates, he has known I. B. C. from its beginning. Having served well as business manager and presently serving on the Board of Directors, I feel that he is certainly qualified to write of I.B.C.'s history.

I. B. C.'s HISTORY

BIBLE SCHOOL INTEREST began in the Church of God in Western Canada with the beginning of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy at Lemmon, South Dakota, in 1935. Nine students attended that term.

The Church realized the need of all young people having the opportunity of attending Bible school.

In the summer of 1936 the Reverend Paul H. Walker, the provincial overseer, met the late Reverend J. W. Bruce, B. A., at Mawer, Saskatchewan. Brother Bruce had the conviction that God needed training centers for the young people. As a result of this meeting Bible school was opened in November, 1936, in Consul, Saskatchewan, with the Reverend J. W. Bruce as superintendent. The newly appointed overseer, the Reverend Charles Bowen, assisted in the school. A vacant store building was used for classroom and dormitories for the twenty-six students attending; it was then called the South Saskatchewan Bible Training School.

There was sufficient encouragement during the first term for more suitable quarters to be sought in 1937. So Brother Bruce and Brother Bowen purchased a hospital building at Robsart, Saskatchewan, for the next term; each succeeding term until the seventh was conducted there. Brother J. W. Bruce continued as superintendent until the end of the 1940-41 term.

The Reverend H. B. Lane was the superintendent for the 1941-42 term, being succeeded by the Reverend William Pospisil, who served through the 1945-46 term. In

the summer of 1943, under the supervision of Brother Pospisil, a building was purchased on University Heights, in the city of Moose Jaw. The Church of God Bible Training School continued there until the end of the 1946-47 term. The Reverend M. G. McLuhan was a great blessing to the school there.

During the summer of 1947 the Reverend James B. Reesor, Overseer of Western Canada, purchased property near Estevan, Saskatchewan. This property, consisting of several large buildings and 640 acres of land, was purchased for \$33,000, even though it had been worth \$750,000 as property of the Canadian Government. This property was formerly a training field for the Royal Canadian Air Force. The spacious hangar was converted into a chapel, classrooms, dormitories and a large auditorium. The school was then named the International Bible College. Brother Reesor served as overseer of Western Canada and president of the school for a period of two years.

In the year 1949 the Reverend J. A. Rafferty was appointed overseer of Western Canada and president of the school. In 1950 the Reverend Harold Bjorgan was appointed president; he served for one year. The Reverend Ralph Brostrom succeeded Brother Bjorgan as president of the college.

At the General Assembly of 1952, the Reverend Darrell L. Lindsay, then the overseer of Central Canada, was appointed president of the college. Brother Lindsay has continued serving in this office until the present and is doing a very fine job.

The Reverend James A. Stephens served as overseer of Western Canada from the fall of 1951 to the Assembly of 1954. Brother Stephens showed a great interest in the college. Our present overseer, the Reverend W. H. Pratt, is his successor and is doing a very good work assisting in the promotion of the International Bible College.

The Board of Directors consists of six men—three ministers and three members from the laity. The present board members are: the Reverend Anton Meyers, the Reverend D. A. Barsness, Brother John Engel, Brother John McLuhan, Brother Harold Isley, and the Reverend Chester Roset. Brother William Aspinall is the vice-president of the college while Brother Charles Evans is the business manager; Brother Orville Barnstable is serving as principal of the high school department.

Throughout the number of terms of school, the Lord has blessed in many ways. Several have been called into the whitened harvest fields. Some are now serving on the missions fields, others are serving as pastors and evangelists in Canada and the United States. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us, for which we are glad. May the Lord continue to bless the International Bible College. So with the prayers and cooperation of every child of God we can look for greater things from this school.



WEST COAST BIBLE SCHOOL ENLARGES ITS BORDERS

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church and parsonage for classrooms and dormitory. However, we soon outgrew these quarters and the school was moved to its centrally located quarters in Fresno,

California, at the temple at Butler and Gearhart. At this time a dormitory was purchased. The enrollment continued to climb; more space was needed and a second dormitory was purchased at Eighth and Lowe Streets. A part of these facilities was used as a cafeteria, but for this 1956 term we have a record enrollment, and it became necessary to rent another building for cafeteria purposes. We hope that before very much longer we shall be able to secure property for a new campus and build to meet the needs of the school.

The success of our school is due to a great extent to its able and expert leadership—Ralph E. Williams, President; Paul L. Walker, Principal; Robert E. Fisher, Business Manager; and John Kimbrough, Head of the College Department.

Our teachers are consecrated, Spirit-filled people and God is greatly blessing in every way.

Now we pass another milestone in the era of progress with the inaugurating of a two-year Bible course on the college level. This program is being offered through the cooperation of Lee College. In view of the fact that our school is now offering training on the college level, it necessitated a change in our name.

The necessary steps were taken to effect the name change, and our school will henceforth be known as West Coast Bible College. I join with the administration, the faculty, and the people of these Western States in giving thanks to Almighty God for helping us to take another step up the ladder of spiritual and scholastic progress for His cause.

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Healed of Heart Trouble by Prayer

DAYTON, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful love for me, for giving me the Holy Ghost, and for His great healing power. Four weeks ago I had an awful pain around my heart. I prayed and prayed but it seemed to grow worse. I knew the enemy had attacked me, so I began to fast and pray and ask others to pray with me. Two of the sisters of the church visited me and prayed with me; as they prayed God came upon the scene and delivered me, praise His name. I love the Lord and want to be humble and serve Him more each day. I desire the prayers of everyone for my family to be saved.

—Mrs. B. H. Clark

Prayer Brings Relief From Gall Bladder Trouble

LAUREL, Ind.—I wish to praise the Lord for a full and free salvation, for in it there is a remedy for every condition. If you are a sinner He can save you, if you are sad He can cheer you; He comforts the broken-hearted, and when you are sick He is your healer. I praise Him for healing me of a dead gall bladder. The doctor stated that I would never be well again. I went to church at the Church of God in Connersville, Indiana, where Brother and Sister William Warren are pastoring. I could hardly stand up. Brother and Sister Warren prayed for me and I immediately felt better. I can eat anything I want and it does not hurt me. I praise the Lord from the depth of my heart.

—Mae Truitt

Healed of High Blood Pressure

STOCKTON, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for healing my sister, Mrs. William Thornton of Lakeland, Georgia, of high blood pressure. He has also healed me several times for which I am thankful and praise Him.

—Mrs. Major Bennett

Healed of Heart Attack

FORT MILL, S. C.—I want to thank God for his wonderful healing. A week

before Christmas I had a heart attack. I was alone at home and I prayed for the Lord to help me. The attack began to lighten and I prepared dinner. As I was preparing dinner I had another attack, but kept praying and doing my work. I do praise the Lord for healing me, and I thank the Lord for the brothers and sisters of the church who prayed for me. I also thank the Lord for Brother Walter Pettitt for visiting and praying with me.

—Mrs. Sallie Broadwell

Boy Healed of Pneumonia

FORT SMITH, Ark.—We should like to give a word of testimony for the Lord. We promised Him if he would heal our boy that we would testify in the *Evangel*. Our boy had taken pneumonia and the pains were running through his back and shoulders. He was talking out of his head. We began to pray and seek God, and He came on the scene and removed the pains, but the fever remained. We were advised to get a doctor but we continued to pray until he was completely well. We began to thank God for what He had done, and now our boy is well and doing fine. We give God all the praise and glory.

—Rev. Joe C. Gorman

Hands Itch - Healed

LAKE CITY, Fla.—I thank God for healing me about a year ago. Something got wrong with my hands, and they would itch so badly I could not sleep at night. No one knows how I suffered with them. I shall never forget how the good people at the Ocala Church of God prayed for me. I promised God that night if He healed my hands that I would write my testimony to the *Evangel*. I thank Him because he healed me that night. I love Him because He is so real in my life and has healed in our family many times. Please pray for me that I may ever be led by His hand.

—Mrs. Daisy Bell

Converted Catholic Healed of Heart Trouble and Epilepsy

NEW CUMBERLAND, W. Va. — I praise and thank the Lord for His many blessings to me. I praise Him for the Church of God and its teach-

ings. I praise God for Brother Kiser, our pastor, and his wife, who were such a great blessing to me and showed me the light. I have been a convert from the Catholic Church, and I can now praise and thank God for saving my soul and healing my body. I had suffered from heart trouble and epileptic seizures for eighteen years. I want the world to know that God heals, for He surely has healed me. I want all the people who read my testimony to pray for me that I will do God's will and keep serving and praising Him forever.

—Mrs. Anna Polewac

Divinely Healed of Kidney Stones and Sinus Trouble

HOMERVILLE, Ga.—I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I praise Him for the many times He has healed me and my family. I thank God because he healed me of kidney stones and of sinus trouble. My husband was healed when the doctors had given him up. On August 12, 1956, my hand was burned very badly. Our pastor, Brother J. B. Robinson, prayed for me and the pain stopped. I should like the prayers of everyone that I might have complete healing for my body.

—Mrs. T. H. Thomas

Church Prays - Pastor Healed of a Huge Tumor

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—I feel led to send in my testimony of healing. About seven years ago the doctor told me I had a tumor the size of a grapefruit. The church I pastored here in Brunswick at that time prayed for me and I was gloriously healed. I feel that if the Lord had not healed me I would have died, but somehow, somehow, I had not finished my work. The Lord was more precious in this healing than at any other time except the day He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him from Whom all blessings flow.

—Mary Dedge, Evangelist

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Church Enjoys

Two-week Revival

ELBERTON, Ga. — We recently closed a two-week revival with Brother J. T. McGuire as the evangelist. There were 4 saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 baptized in water. The entire church was blessed in a special way. Brother McGuire is a wonderful man of God, and he will certainly be a blessing to any church.

—Aubrey Slay, Clerk

Booneville Has Its Greatest Revival

BOONEVILLE, Miss. — We recently had the greatest revival the Booneville Church of God has ever experienced. We are giving Christ the praise for it all. Brother L. N. Baker of Shaw, Mississippi, was the evangelist. There were 22 saved, 11 sanctified, 23 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water, 10 added to the Church, and many were healed by the great power of God. Brother Baker is a wonderful man of God. He preached the Word in its fullness and that holiness is God's standard and requirement. Any church will be blessed to have him. Please pray that the blessings of God will continue to rest upon us.

—John Ricketts, Reporter

Eleven Converted in Ft. Lauderdale

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. — We are happy to report that we have had another revival in the month of August with Brother and Sister Robert Watson from Ocala, Florida. Eleven were saved, 4 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord is blessing Brother and Sister Watson's ministry.

—Rev. M. E. Fussell

Church Gives Missions Offering During Revival

LYONS, Ga. — We are in a revival at Edmond Chapel with Brother Johnnie Webber of Dallas, Texas, as our evangelist. One service stands out in our minds as it seems a miracle was performed. Brother Webber asked to preach on a subject that was unusual for a revival. He told us that God had laid it on his heart, and there would be ten people there that would give \$5 for the cause of missions. That night was the smallest crowd we had during the revival, but \$56 was given and we sent this amount to our missions secretary. We feel

that this is one of the greatest revivals we've ever had at Edmond. We trust many souls will be saved on the missions field from this offering. We desire the prayers of God's children that our church may continue to go forward and be a real light to this community.

—Mrs. Ella M. Ross, Pastor

Thirty-nine Converted in Walhalla

WALHALLA, S. C. — I would like to report a wonderful revival at Cherry Hill Church with Brother Lamar Vest of Laurens as the evangelist. Thirty-nine were saved, 13 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, 17 baptized in water, 9 added to the Church. Several more renewed their covenant with the Church. Brother Vest is a fine preacher and one of the most consecrated young men I have ever known. He will be a blessing to any church and a great inspiration to the young people. We also broke a twelve-year Sunday School record during this revival.

—Frank C. Pearson, Pastor

Outstanding Revival at Park Place Church in Greenville

GREENVILLE, S. C. — I find it difficult to express with mere words the wonderful revival we had at the Park Place Church of God, Greenville, South Carolina. Our Brother Manuel F. Campbell of Chattanooga, Tennessee, did a wonderful job of expounding the Word of God to us. The revival began September 2 and lasted until October 7. The 5 glorious weeks set a record as being the longest revival ever in the history of our church. Twenty-seven were saved, 15 sanctified, 11 filled with the Holy Ghost, 10 baptized in water, and 12 added to the Church. Brother Campbell is a wonderful minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is a man with a burden for lost souls, and our church is grateful that he came our way. Another item that would be interesting to know, recently due to the additional business and growth of Park Place (the community of which our church is the center), our congregation voted to change the name of our church from North Greenville to the Park Place Church of God. God is blessing us here and we desire the prayers of all Christians.

—Mrs. Wilma S. Edmonds, Reporter

Attendance Soars

From 25 to 160

BALDWIN, Ga. — We have just closed a most wonderful revival at the Baldwin Church of God. Our pastor, Brother Houston Odom, came to us about a year ago. At that time we had only 25 in Sunday School, and about 40 at our Sunday night service. At present our Sunday School average is about 160. During the revival, our attendance reached 219. Brother and Sister Odom have been a real blessing to our church. Our evangelist for the revival was Brother H. L. Whittington. People came as far as 30 to 40 miles to this revival, and the church was filled almost every service. Fifteen were saved, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, 15 united with the Church, and 15 baptized in water. We are now building a new parsonage and we hope to have a new church by next Assembly. Please remember us in prayer.

—John Myers, Reporter

Lee Student Conducts

Successful Revival

LAUREL HILL, N. C. — For three years our church here in Clyde has prayed for an old-fashioned revival meeting like those we once enjoyed. However, little did we realize that our prayers would be answered in the form of a four-week revival such as we have never witnessed before. Brother Alex Dunn came to us in June from Lee College for a two-week revival. However, as the Lord began to bless in such a wonderful way each night we felt impressed to continue another week and finally another. Even as the meeting closed there was still an air of expectancy everywhere in the community. Six were saved, 4 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. The effects of this great revival still linger in our midst, and we feel that God has something special in store for our church here in Clyde. Certainly we do praise God for sending Brother Dunn our way.

—Reporter

Twenty-two Saved in Augusta, Georgia

AUGUSTA, Ga. — We thank God for first week of revival. Twenty-two were saved, 8 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. The evangelist was Gilbert Pearson.

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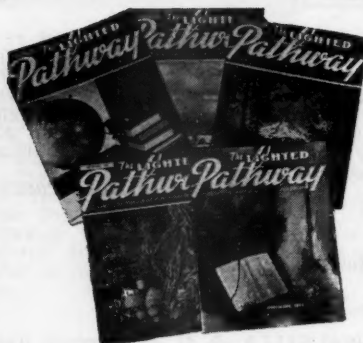
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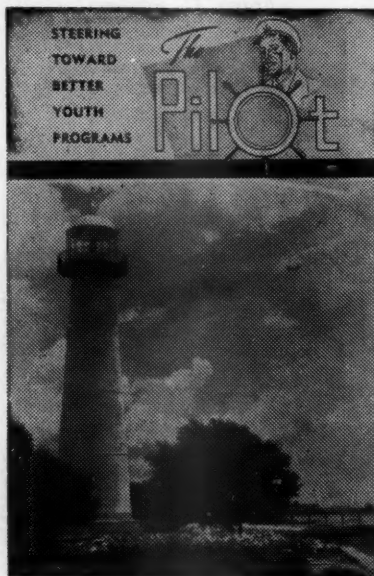
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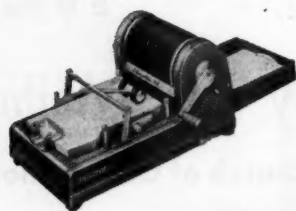
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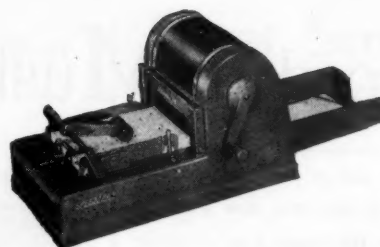


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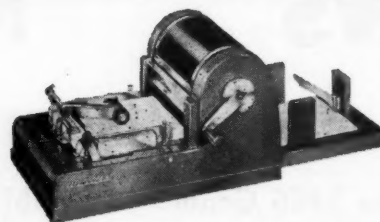


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